

Inorganic Chemicals: 2003

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Alkalies and chlorine (NAICS 325181) production decreased 8.4 percent to 32,007.1 thousand short tons in 2003, from 34,956.4 thousand short tons in 2002. Chlorine (NAICS 3251811) production decreased 9.5 percent to 21,196.9 thousand short tons in 2003, from 23,419.4 thousand short tons in 2002. Sodium hydroxide (NAICS 3251814111) production decreased 7.0 percent to 9,695.5 thousand short tons in 2003, from 10,429.0 thousand short tons in 2002. Finished sodium

bicarbonate (NAICS 3251817131) production increased 0.9 percent to 595.6 thousand short tons in 2003, from 590.1 thousand short tons in 2002.

Titanium dioxide (NAICS 3251311) production increased 0.9 percent to 1,568.0 thousand short tons in 2003, from 1,553.5 thousand short tons in 2002.

Hydrochloric acid (NAICS 3251884125, 4131) production increased 3.8 percent to 4,608.2 thousand short tons in 2003, from 4,439.8 thousand short tons in 2002. Aluminum sulfate, commercial (NAICS 3251887151) production decreased 8.8 percent to 1,059.5 thousand short tons in 2003, from 1,161.6 thousand short tons in 2002. Sodium sulfate, high purity (NAICS 325188A1A1) production decreased 6.8 percent to 513.9 thousand short tons in 2003, from 551.2 thousand short tons in 2002. Sodium chlorate (NAICS 325188A141) production decreased 7.3 percent to 737.1 thousand short tons in 2003, from 794.9 thousand short tons in 2002.

For general CIR information, explanation of general terms and historical note, see the appendix.

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Table 1. Summary of Production of Principal Inorganic Chemicals
[Short tons]

Quarter and year	Chlorine gas (100 percent) (3251811111)	Sodium hydroxide, total liquid (100 percent) (3251814111)	Titanium dioxide, commodity weight (3251311100)	Hydro- chloric acid (100 percent) (3251884125, 4131)	Aluminum sulfate commercial (17 percent Al2O3) (3251887151)	Sodium sulfate, high purity (100 percent Na2SO4) (325188A1A1)	Finished sodium bicarbonate (58 percent NaHCO3) (3251817131)	Sodium chlorate (100 percent) (325188A141)
2003								
Total.....	11,421,402	9,695,457	1,567,955	4,608,236	1,059,494	513,930	595,588	737,122
Fourth quarter.....	3,032,298	2,472,523	403,121	1,125,858	256,067	130,221	158,120	186,298
Third quarter.....	2,979,401	2,465,961	381,574	1,200,122	287,926	129,447	152,561	180,957
Second quarter.....	2,387,214	2,197,549	402,339	1,157,195	261,833	116,076	151,112	191,867
First quarter.....	3,022,489	2,559,424	380,921	1,125,061	253,668	138,186	133,795	178,000
2002								
Total.....	12,607,878	10,428,994	1,553,513	4,439,721	1,161,595	551,171	590,116	794,861
Fourth quarter.....	3,047,726	2,472,361	393,156	1,088,766	274,551	145,898	154,321	210,860
Third quarter.....	3,338,696	2,665,802	395,943	1,155,774	331,575	138,096	153,164	184,170
Second quarter.....	3,104,734	2,660,721	400,633	1,117,049	307,161	134,796	147,424	189,611
First quarter.....	3,116,722	2,630,110	363,781	1,078,132	248,308	132,381	135,207	210,220

Table 2. Summary of Primary Production of Specified Inorganic Chemicals: 2003 and 2002
[Short tons, unless otherwise noted]

		2003								2002				
Product code	Product description	Total production (quantity)		Total shipments, including interplant transfers				Total production (quantity)		Total shipments, including interplant transfers				
				Quantity		Value				Quantity		Value		
Chlorine and alkalis:														
Chlorine (100 percent):														
3251811111	Gas 1/.....		11,421,402			7,853,291		1,106,330		12,607,878		9,490,421		803,587
	Fourth quarter.....	a/	3,032,298	r/		2,155,955	a/r/	286,509		3,047,726	r/	2,194,472		232,560
	Third quarter.....	a/	2,979,401			2,098,212	a/r/	287,158		3,338,696		2,488,310	r/	247,434
	Second quarter.....	a/	2,387,214	a/r/		1,528,697	a/r/	260,236	a/	3,104,734		2,543,470	r/	186,752
	First quarter.....	a/	3,022,489	r/		2,070,427	a/r/	272,427	a/	3,116,722		2,264,169	r/	136,841
3251811121	Liquid.....		9,775,514			9,212,425		1,368,896		10,811,561		10,585,415		963,600
	Fourth quarter.....	a/	2,553,926	r/		2,425,830	a/	344,710		2,565,207		2,499,123		295,661
	Third quarter.....	a/	2,589,585	r/		2,382,853	a/	342,298		2,878,023		2,801,686		303,674
	Second quarter.....	a/	2,024,404	a/r/		1,937,575	a/	337,081	a/	2,686,349		2,805,958		215,502
	First quarter.....	a/	2,607,599	a/r/		2,466,167	a/	344,807	a/	2,681,982		2,478,648		148,763
3251814111	Liquid 2/.....		9,695,457			(X)		(X)		10,428,994		(X)		(X)
	Fourth quarter.....	a/	2,472,523			(X)		(X)	a/	2,472,361		(X)		(X)
	Third quarter.....	a/	2,465,961			(X)		(X)	a/	2,665,802		(X)		(X)
	Second quarter.....	a/	2,197,549			(X)		(X)	a/	2,660,721		(X)		(X)
	First quarter.....	a/	2,559,424			(X)		(X)	a/	2,630,110		(X)		(X)
3251817111	Potassium hydroxide (caustic potash) (88 to 92 percent), liquid 2/.....		519,171			737,684		188,014		517,885		(D)		163,500
	Fourth quarter.....		132,586			(D)		48,685		142,250		(D)		44,685
	Third quarter.....		122,830			(D)		(D)		120,412		(D)		41,073
	Second quarter.....		135,329			(D)		(D)		126,324		(D)		41,258
	First quarter.....		128,426			(D)		48,509		128,899		(D)		36,484
3251817131	Finished sodium bicarbonate (58 percent NaHCO3).....		595,588			518,239		135,497		590,116		(D)		(D)
	Fourth quarter.....		158,120			131,847	a/	34,749		154,321		(D)		(D)
	Third quarter.....		152,561			131,144		34,327		153,164		(D)		(D)
	Second quarter.....		151,112			(S)		(S)		147,424		(D)		(D)
	First quarter.....		133,795			(S)		(S)		135,207		(D)		(D)
2123913111	Sodium carbonate, natural (soda ash) (58 percent) 3/.....		11,718			(X)		(X)		11,388		(X)		(X)
	Fourth quarter.....		2,974			(X)		(X)		2,868		(X)		(X)
	Third quarter.....		2,954			(X)		(X)		2,824		(X)		(X)
	Second quarter.....		2,942			(X)		(X)	r/	2,870		(X)		(X)
	First quarter.....		2,848			(X)		(X)		2,826		(X)		(X)
Chlorine bleaches and other inorganic bleaching compounds:														
325188G1P4	Industrial, liquid and dry.....		352,593			(S)		(S)		392,141		(S)		(S)
	Fourth quarter.....		(S)			(S)		(S)		(S)		(S)		(S)
	Third quarter.....	b/r/	105,461			(S)		(S)	b/	116,968		(S)		(S)
	Second quarter.....		(S)			(S)		(S)		(S)		(S)		(S)
	First quarter.....		(S)			(S)		(S)		(S)		(S)		(S)
Acids:														
Hydrochloric (100 percent):														
3251884125	From chlorine and hydrogen.....		523,993			(S)	r/	46,550		367,689		217,406		34,726
	Fourth quarter.....		141,991			(S)	b/r/	12,117	a/	103,855	b/	60,449	a/	9,512
	Third quarter.....		130,750			(S)	b/r/	10,851	b/	91,082		(S)	a/	8,453
	Second quarter.....		127,000			(S)	b/r/	11,765	b/	82,442		(S)	b/	7,369
	First quarter.....		124,252			(S)	b/r/	11,817	b/	90,310	b/	56,699	a/	9,392
3251884131	Byproduct and other 4/.....		4,084,243			2,773,327		141,590		4,072,032		2,816,544		134,580
	Fourth quarter.....	a/	983,867	a/		666,759	b/r/	33,630	a/	984,911	a/	663,917	b/	30,291
	Third quarter.....	a/	1,069,372	a/		715,452	b/r/	36,505	a/	1,064,692	a/	725,712	b/	32,786
	Second quarter.....	a/	1,030,195	a/		719,124	b/r/	36,391	a/	1,034,607	a/	745,927	b/	36,116
	First quarter.....	a/	1,000,809	a/		671,992	b/r/	35,064	a/	987,822	a/	680,988	b/	35,387
3251884141	Hydrocyanic, including anhydrous (100 percent).....		350,099			(D)		109,691		526,686		(D)		97,769
	Fourth quarter.....	b/r/	83,684			(S)	b/	30,832	a/	135,938		(D)		(D)
	Third quarter.....	b/r/	77,149			(S)	b/	27,230	a/	162,562		(D)	a/	26,698
	Second quarter.....	b/r/	84,066			(D)		(D)	a/	140,816		(D)	a/	26,989
	First quarter.....	b/r/	105,200			(D)		(D)	b/	87,370		(D)		(D)
Aluminum oxide and aluminum compounds:														
3313110100	Aluminum oxide (except natural alumina) (100 percent Al2O3).....		(D)			(D)		(D)		(D)		(D)		797,490
	Fourth quarter.....		(D)			(D)		(D)		(D)		(D)	b/	195,769
	Third quarter.....		(D)			(D)		(D)		(D)		(D)	b/	198,796
	Second quarter.....		(D)			(D)		(D)		(D)		(D)	b/	204,927
	First quarter.....		(D)			(D)		(D)		(D)		(D)	b/	197,999

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Product code	Product description	2003								2002			
		Total production (quantity)	Total shipments, including interplant transfers				Total production (quantity)	Total shipments, including interplant transfers					
			Quantity		Value			Quantity		Value			
3251887121	Aluminum chloride, anhydrous (100 percent).....	(S)		(D)		(D)		(S)		(D)		(D)	
	Fourth quarter.....	(D)		(D)		(D)		(S)		(D)		(D)	
	Third quarter.....	(S)		(D)		(D)		(S)		(D)		(D)	
	Second quarter.....	(S)		(D)		(D)		(S)		(D)		(D)	
	First quarter.....	(S)		(D)		(D)		(S)		(D)		(D)	
3251887131	Aluminum hydroxide, trihydrate (100 percent).....	490,505		538,122		356,644		393,523		391,958		163,413	
	Fourth quarter.....	129,053	a/r/	141,182		(S) a/		72,397	a/	74,550		(S)	
	Third quarter.....	127,185	a/r/	139,489		(S) a/		105,263	a/	105,058		(S)	
	Second quarter.....	r/ 121,268	a/r/	132,432		(S) a/		123,371	a/	119,797	b/	47,951	
	First quarter.....	r/ 112,999	a/r/	125,019		(S)		92,492	a/	92,553		(S)	
3251887151	Aluminum sulfate: Commercial (17 percent aluminum oxide) 5/.....	1,059,494		1,015,645		112,364		1,161,595		1,115,359		134,983	
	Fourth quarter.....	a/ 256,067	a/	241,377	b/	25,930	a/	274,551	a/	257,755	a/	31,747	
	Third quarter.....	a/ 287,926	a/	281,543	b/	30,127	a/	331,575	a/	321,793	a/	45,400	
	Second quarter.....	a/ 261,833	a/	254,218	b/	29,034	a/	307,161	a/	298,173	a/	31,809	
	First quarter.....	b/ 253,668	a/	238,507	a/	27,273	a/	248,308	a/	237,638	a/	26,027	
3251887161	Iron-free (17 percent aluminum oxide).....	303,100		305,691		22,548		283,820		283,829		21,882	
	Fourth quarter.....	a/ 73,683	a/	74,047	a/	5,450	a/	70,323	a/	70,190	a/	5,410	
	Third quarter.....	a/ 82,440	a/	83,916	a/	6,028	a/	71,353	a/	71,633	a/	5,670	
	Second quarter.....	72,400	a/	72,487	a/	5,462	a/	64,143	a/	64,058	a/	5,204	
	First quarter.....	a/ 74,577	a/	75,241	a/	5,608	a/	78,001	a/	77,948	a/	5,598	
3251887171	Aluminates (sodium aluminate, potassium aluminate, etc.) (100 percent).....	382,498		322,499		44,824		372,660		314,287		41,787	
	Fourth quarter.....	96,496		83,427		12,571		94,212		80,480	a/	10,351	
	Third quarter.....	98,980		84,056		12,623		99,753		85,257	a/	10,917	
	Second quarter.....	99,363		85,718		10,622	b/	85,774	b/	69,551	b/	9,303	
	First quarter.....	87,659		69,298	a/	9,008	b/	92,921	b/	78,999	b/	11,216	
325188A111	Potassium and sodium compounds: Potassium iodide (100 percent).....	337		313		4,668		326		334		4,659	
	Fourth quarter.....	b/ 78		60		1,011		77		73		909	
	Third quarter.....	(D) r/		76	r/	1,238		(D)		74		1,276	
	Second quarter.....	(D)		89		1,302		(D)		90		1,208	
	First quarter.....	101		88		1,117		74		97		1,266	
325188A117	Potassium pyrophosphate (tetra-potassium pyrophosphate) (anhydrous, 100 percent).....	33,942		33,657		24,240		36,572		33,166		20,770	
	Fourth quarter.....	a/ 8,968	a/	8,760	b/r/	7,714		(S)		(S)	b/	6,991	
	Third quarter.....	b/ 8,244	r/	8,995	a/	6,006		(S)		(S)	b/	4,813	
	Second quarter.....	b/ 8,661		(S)	b/	5,310	a/	9,104	a/	8,051	a/	4,774	
	First quarter.....	b/ 8,069		(S)	b/	5,210	a/	7,745	a/	6,994	a/	4,192	
325188A124	Potassium phosphates (100 percent by weight).....	27,779		28,669		34,834		31,331		30,311		25,936	
	Fourth quarter.....	a/ 7,600	a/	7,258		8,902	a/	9,214	a/r/	6,742	a/	7,540	
	Third quarter.....	7,164		(D)		(D)	a/	6,426	a/	7,286	a/	6,509	
	Second quarter.....	6,078		6,773		8,562	a/	7,804		8,519		6,572	
	First quarter.....	a/ 6,937		(D)		(D)	a/	7,887		7,764	a/	5,315	
325188A141	Sodium chlorate (100 percent).....	737,122		731,118		209,126		794,861		794,676		229,392	
	Fourth quarter.....	a/ 186,298	a/	186,477	a/	52,899	a/	210,860	a/	199,833	a/	56,776	
	Third quarter.....	a/ 180,957	a/	180,769	a/	51,390	a/	184,170	a/	199,536	a/	57,191	
	Second quarter.....	a/ 191,867	a/	179,467	a/	52,153	a/	189,611	a/	188,434	a/	53,697	
	First quarter.....	a/ 178,000	a/	184,405	a/	52,684	a/	210,220	a/	206,873	a/	61,728	
325188A147	Sodium hydrosulfide (sodium sulfhydrate (100 percent).....	(D)		(D)		(D)		(D)		(D)		(D)	
	Fourth quarter.....	(D)		(D)		(D)		(D)		(D)		(D)	
	Third quarter.....	(D)		(D)		(D)		(D)		(D)		(D)	
	Second quarter.....	(D)		(D)		(D)		(D)		(D)		(D)	
	First quarter.....	(D)		(D)		(D)		(D)		(D)		(D)	
325188A151	Sodium hydrosulfite (100 percent).....	(D)		(D)		(D)		(D)		(D)		(D)	
	Fourth quarter.....	(D)		(D)		(D)		(D)		(D)		(D)	
	Third quarter.....	(D)		(D)		(D)		(D)		(D)		(D)	
	Second quarter.....	(D)		(D)		(D)		(D)		(D)		(D)	
	First quarter.....	(D)		(D)		(D)		(D)		(D)		(D)	

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[Short tons, unless otherwise noted]

		2003						2002			
Product code	Product description	Total production (quantity)	Total shipments, including interplant transfers			Total production (quantity)	Total shipments, including interplant transfers				
			Quantity	Value			Quantity	Value			
325188A157	Sodium phosphates: Dibasic (produced for sale)										
	(100 percent) 6/.....	22,505		17,409	18,828		19,672		13,581	15,389	
	Fourth quarter.....	b/ 5,716		4,648	4,960	a/ 4,227		3,191		3,773	
	Third quarter.....	b/ 5,551		4,768	5,195	a/ 5,167		(D)		(D)	
	Second quarter.....	b/ 5,807		4,049	4,254	a/ 5,239		(D)		(D)	
	First quarter.....	b/ 5,431		3,944	4,419	5,039		(D)		(D)	
325188A164	Tetrabasic (pyro) (100 percent).....	(D)		(D)	(D)	(D)		(D)		(D)	
	Fourth quarter.....	(D)		(D)	(D)	(D)		(D)		(D)	
	Third quarter.....	(D)		(D)	(D)	(D)		(D)		(D)	
	Second quarter.....	(D)		(D)	(D)	(D)		(D)		(D)	
	First quarter.....	(D)		(D)	(D)	(D)		(D)		(D)	
325188A167	Meta (100 percent).....	49,938		41,348	36,828		51,173		41,777	41,035	
	Fourth quarter.....	12,279		9,794	8,434	a/ 14,377	a/ 13,068		11,200	10,752	
	Third quarter.....	11,705	a/ 9,604	8,440	8,440	a/ 13,068	a/ 11,287		10,719	10,220	
	Second quarter.....	11,351	a/ 10,154	9,144	9,144	a/ 11,287		10,233		10,016	
	First quarter.....	14,603	a/ 11,796	10,810	10,810	12,441		9,625		10,047	
325188A171	Acid pyro (100 percent).....	45,941		41,427	29,285	(S)		(S)		34,739	
	Fourth quarter.....	a/ 7,710	a/ 7,398	a/ 5,773	5,773	(S)		(S)		(S)	
	Third quarter.....	a/ 7,414	a/ 7,191	a/ 5,614	5,614	(S)		(S)		(S)	
	Second quarter.....	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)		(S)	b/r/	8,887	
	First quarter.....	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)		(S)	b/r/	8,327	
325188A174	Tripoly (100 percent).....	(D)		(D)	(D)	(D)		(D)		(D)	
	Fourth quarter.....	(D)		(D)	(D)	(D)		(D)		(D)	
	Third quarter.....	(D)		(D)	(D)	(D)		(D)		(D)	
	Second quarter.....	(D)		(D)	(D)	(D)		(D)		(D)	
	First quarter.....	(D)		(D)	(D)	(D)		(D)		(D)	
325188A177	Other sodium phosphates, including mono- and tribasic.....	(X)		(X)	14,976	(X)		(X)		13,431	
	Fourth quarter.....	(X)		(X)	5,621	(X)		(X)	b/	3,179	
	Third quarter.....	(X)		(X)	4,141	(X)		(X)	b/	4,154	
	Second quarter.....	(X)		(X)	2,827	(X)		(X)		(S)	
	First quarter.....	(X)		(X)	2,387	(X)		(X)		(S)	
325188A181	Sodium silicate (soluble silicate glass, liquid, and solid) (anhydrous) 7/.....	1,184,192		679,772	217,538		1,161,832		707,260	216,724	
	Fourth quarter.....	b/ 304,390	b/ 168,218	(S)	b/ 278,670	a/ 183,488	b/ 55,560				
	Third quarter.....	b/ 287,509	b/ 166,738	(S)	b/ 308,741	a/ 183,694				(S)	
	Second quarter.....	b/ 304,366	b/ 167,823	(S)	b/ 290,958	a/ 187,475				(S)	
	First quarter.....	b/ 287,927	a/ 176,993	(S)	b/ 283,463	b/ 152,603				(S)	
325188A184	Metasilicate pentahydrate (100 percent)..	36,435		25,019	8,843		35,402		27,201	9,064	
	Fourth quarter.....	8,756		7,197	2,323	8,392		7,385		2,372	
	Third quarter.....	9,435		6,228	2,232	9,872		5,597		2,141	
	Second quarter.....	9,343		5,726	2,121	8,551		8,049		2,645	
	First quarter.....	8,901		5,868	2,167	8,587		6,170		1,906	
325188A187	Metasilicate anhydrous (100 percent).....	30,340		34,887	10,954		28,577		28,772	11,055	
	Fourth quarter.....	7,975		7,141	2,403	6,232		7,352		2,442	
	Third quarter.....	7,893		9,118	2,782	7,758		7,441		2,899	
	Second quarter.....	7,024		9,390	2,868	(D)		(D)		2,839	
	First quarter.....	7,448		9,238	2,901	(D)		(D)		2,875	
325188A1A1	Sodium sulfate (100 percent): High purity.....	513,930		456,136	27,041		551,171		508,512	35,436	
	Fourth quarter.....	a/ 130,221	b/ 102,409	b/r/ 5,780	b/ 145,898	b/ 122,426	b/ 8,473				
	Third quarter.....	a/ 129,447	b/ 118,331	b/r/ 7,185	b/ 138,096	b/ 110,505	b/ 8,011				
	Second quarter.....	116,076	b/ 112,855	b/r/ 6,802	b/ 134,796	b/ 153,513	b/ 10,762				
	First quarter.....	b/ 138,186	b/ 122,541	b/r/ 7,274	b/ 132,381	b/ 122,068	b/ 8,190				
325188A1A7	Sodium sulfite (100 percent).....	96,967		97,439	13,239		81,941		73,096	7,589	
	Fourth quarter.....	b/ 22,701		(D)	(D)	22,971		(D)		(D)	
	Third quarter.....	b/ 26,043		(D)	(D)	15,931		(D)		(D)	
	Second quarter.....	b/ 25,746	a/ 20,302	b/ 2,614	(D)	a/ 16,317		(S)		(S)	
	First quarter.....	b/ 22,477	a/ 22,546	b/ 2,888	(D)	(D)		(D)		(D)	
325188G141	Other inorganic chemicals: Calcium carbonate (precipitated) (100 percent).....	2,144,304		2,071,792	269,356		2,172,223		2,115,118	276,281	
	Fourth quarter.....	a/ 531,376	a/ 512,232	a/ 65,119	a/ 561,928	545,599	a/ 70,447				
	Third quarter.....	a/ 531,324	a/ 515,190	a/ 66,926	a/ 544,306	528,042	a/ 69,377				
	Second quarter.....	522,343		505,944	66,024	531,608		519,637		67,881	
	First quarter.....	559,261		538,426	71,287	534,381		521,840		68,576	

Table 2. Summary of Primary Production of Specified Inorganic Chemicals: 2003 and 2002
[Short tons, unless otherwise noted]

		2003								2002			
Product code	Product description	Total production (quantity)	Total shipments, including interplant transfers						Total production (quantity)	Total shipments, including interplant transfers			
			Quantity		Value					Quantity		Value	
325188G144	Calcium chloride (100 percent).....	1,162,915		820,820		115,357			1,466,346		797,441		69,436
	Fourth quarter.....	(D) b/	250,976	a/	37,846	b/	374,468	b/	246,307	a/	24,594		
	Third quarter.....	(D) b/	172,977	b/	23,301	b/	324,203	b/	168,453	a/	14,020		
	Second quarter.....	a/ 335,894 b/	186,851	b/	22,739	b/	391,600	b/	212,584	a/	16,969		
	First quarter.....	(D) b/	210,016	b/	31,471	a/	376,075	b/	170,097	a/	13,853		
325188G147	Calcium phosphates:												
	Monobasic (21 percent minimum P)												
	(100 percent).....	(D)	(D)		172,505		(D)		927,656		198,240		
	Fourth quarter.....	(D)	(D)		44,132		(D)		(D)		45,228		
	Third quarter.....	(D)	(D)		41,573		(D)		(D)		45,868		
	Second quarter.....	(D)	(D)		40,696		(D)		(D)	a/	53,261		
First quarter.....	(D)	(D)	a/	46,104		(D)		218,749	a/	53,883			
325188G151	Dibasic (18.5 percent minimum P)												
	(100 percent).....	336,582		323,880		89,028		405,707		383,143		148,194	
	Fourth quarter.....	86,031		86,572		20,096		101,932		90,931		26,260	
	Third quarter.....	73,192		77,320	b/r/	33,490		97,566		92,651	b/	40,438	
	Second quarter.....	90,133		75,607	b/r/	32,642		105,873		93,881	b/	41,098	
	First quarter.....	87,226	a/	84,381	a/	25,623		100,336		105,680	b/	40,398	
3253124241	Tribasic (defluorinated phosphate rock) (18.0 percent minimum P) 8/:												
	Animal feed grade (deflourinated phosphate rock) (100 percent).....	356,986		383,528		84,783		483,248		478,938		116,478	
	Fourth quarter.....	79,633		90,122		19,722		111,511		120,203		29,150	
	Third quarter.....	89,789		99,162	a/	22,388		118,380		123,251	a/	28,374	
	Second quarter.....	95,088		89,768	a/	20,374		126,326		122,684	a/	30,460	
	First quarter.....	92,476		104,476		22,299		127,031		112,800	a/	28,494	
325998H1E4	Carbon, activated 9/:												
	Granular carbons (dry weight) 10/.....	102,009		100,165		166,739		(D)		(S)		(S)	
	Fourth quarter.....	(D) a/	18,894		32,891		(D)		(S)		(S)		
	Third quarter.....	27,547 a/	27,894		42,825		(D)		(S)		(S)		
	Second quarter.....	(D)	(S)		(S)		(D)		(S)		(S)		
	First quarter.....	(D)	(S)		(S)		(D)		(S)		(S)		
325998H1E7	Pulverized carbons (dry weight).....	56,043		100,021		40,235		66,962		117,943		49,742	
	Fourth quarter.....	(D)	(D)		(D)		(S)	b/	27,401	b/	11,601		
	Third quarter.....	(D)	(D)		(D)		(S)	b/	34,600	b/	14,767		
	Second quarter.....	(S)	b/	24,812	a/	11,015	b/	16,308		(S)	b/	11,087	
	First quarter.....	(S)	b/	26,563	b/	11,410	b/	14,018		(S)	b/	12,287	
325188G181	Hydrogen peroxide (100 percent by weight).....	(S)	(S)		(S)		(S)		(S)			163,768	
	Fourth quarter.....	(S)	(D)		(D)		(S)		(S)	b/	42,838		
	Third quarter.....	(S)	(D)		(D)		(S)		(S)	b/	41,714		
	Second quarter.....	(S)	(S)		(S)		(S)		(S)	b/	41,799		
	First quarter.....	(S)	(S)		(S)		(S)		(S)	b/	37,417		
325188G184	Iodine (100 percent) (quantity in pounds).....	(D)	(D)		34,834		(D)		3,206,405		19,193		
	Fourth quarter.....	(D)	(D)	r/	5,691		(D)		(D)	a/	4,531		
	Third quarter.....	(D)	(D)		(D)		(D)		(D)	a/	4,822		
	Second quarter.....	(D)	(D)	r/	8,295		(D)		792,767	a/	4,758		
	First quarter.....	(D)	(D)		(D)		(D)		816,764	a/	5,082		
	325188G187	Ferric chloride (100 percent).....	217,682		217,872		(S)		213,212		218,944		24,173
Fourth quarter.....		a/ 74,672	a/r/	69,986	(S)	a/	71,895	a/	70,035	(S)		(S)	
Third quarter.....		a/ 73,210	b/r/	74,603	(S)	a/	72,669	a/	77,368	(S)		(S)	
Second quarter.....		a/ 69,800	b/	73,283	(S)	a/	68,648	a/	71,541	(S)		(S)	
First quarter.....		a/ 64,415	a/	64,340	(S)	a/	70,973	a/	69,254	(S)		(S)	
325188G191	Iron oxides and hydroxides, excluding iron oxide including pigments (100 percent).....	(D)	(D)		(D)		(S)		(S)			(S)	
	Fourth quarter.....	(D)	(D)		(D)		(D)		(D)			(D)	
	Third quarter.....	(D)	(D)		(D)		(S)		(D)			(D)	
	Second quarter.....	(D)	(D)		(D)		(S)		(S)			(S)	
	First quarter.....	(D)	(D)		(D)		(S)		(S)			(S)	
325188G1A1	Magnesium chloride (100 percent).....	(D)	(D)		16,217		(D)		(D)			(D)	
	Fourth quarter.....	(D)	(D)		4,678		(D)		(D)			(D)	
	Third quarter.....	(D)	(D)		3,867		(D)		(D)			(D)	
	Second quarter.....	(D)	(D)		(D)		(D)		(D)			4,238	
	First quarter.....	(D)	(D)		(D)		(D)		(D)			(D)	
325188G1B1	Manganese dioxide (100 percent).....	45,677		47,916		66,875		45,795		47,231		60,233	
	Fourth quarter.....	9,137		13,428	r/	19,889	a/	12,207	a/	9,724	r/	13,332	
	Third quarter.....	9,205		11,641		18,042		11,139		14,948		19,669	
	Second quarter.....	13,543		11,907		15,080		10,136		13,549		16,673	
	First quarter.....	13,792		10,940		13,864		12,313		9,010		10,559	

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[Short tons, unless otherwise noted]

Product code	Product description	2003				2002			
		Total production (quantity)	Total shipments, including interplant transfers		Total production (quantity)	Total shipments, including interplant transfers		Value	Value
			Quantity	Value		Quantity	Value		
325188G1F1	Phosphorus oxychloride (100 percent).....	(D)	(D)	(D)	29,873	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
	Fourth quarter.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
	Third quarter.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
	Second quarter.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(S)	(S)
	First quarter.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	8,106	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
325188G1F7	Phosphorus trichloride (chloride) (100 percent).....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
	Fourth quarter.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
	Third quarter.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
	Second quarter.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
	First quarter.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
325188G1G7	Silicon tetrachloride (sitet) (100 percent SiCl4).....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
	Fourth quarter.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
	Third quarter.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
	Second quarter.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
	First quarter.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
325188G1K1	Sulfur dioxide (100 percent).....	82,330	74,870	11,072	89,958	79,095		11,946	
	Fourth quarter.....	20,870	18,004	b/ 2,757	23,696	20,721	a/	3,262	
	Third quarter.....	22,042	20,586	a/ 3,110	27,142	24,479	a/	3,555	
	Second quarter.....	20,067	18,266	b/ 2,542	21,814	18,680	a/	2,577	
	First quarter.....	19,351	18,014	a/ 2,663	17,306	15,215	a/	2,552	
325188G1M1	Zinc sulfate (100 percent).....	(D)	(D)	19,417	31,665	(D)		19,964	
	Fourth quarter.....	(D)	(D)	4,457	(D)	(D)		3,778	
	Third quarter.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	9,430	(D)		4,760	
	Second quarter.....	(D)	(D)	4,652	(D)	(D)		(D)	
	First quarter.....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)		(D)	
3251311100	Titanium dioxide (composite and pure) (commodity weight) 11/.....	1,567,955	(X)	(X)	1,553,513	(X)		(X)	
	Fourth quarter.....	403,121	(X)	(X)	393,156	(X)		(X)	
	Third quarter.....	381,574	(X)	(X)	395,943	(X)		(X)	
	Second quarter.....	402,339	(X)	(X)	400,633	(X)		(X)	
	First quarter.....	380,921	(X)	(X)	363,781	(X)		(X)	

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1/Production includes amounts liquefied.

2/Liquid production figures represent total production, including quantities later evaporated to solid caustic.

3/Source: U.S. Geological Survey. Quantity reported in thousands of short tons.

4/Includes production from salt and acid.

5/Excludes quantities produced and consumed in municipalities.

6/Represents quantities produced only for sale or interplant transfer.

7/Excludes amounts produced and consumed in making meta, ortho, and sesquisilicates.

8/Includes animal feed, but excludes other grades and superphosphate or other fertilizer materials.

9/Excludes reactivated carbon.

10/Includes pelleted carbon.

11/Represents total stocks of producing companies, including amounts held at locations other than producing plants.

Note: Percent of estimation of each item is indicated as follows: a/10 to 25 percent of this item is estimated. b/26 to 50 percent of this item is estimated. c/Over 50 percent of this item is estimated.

Table 3. Production, Exports, Imports, and Apparent Consumption of Selected Inorganic Chemicals: 2003 and 2002
[Quantity in metric tons]

Product code	Product description	Year	Production (quantity)	Exports of domestic merchandise 1/	Imports for consumption 2/	Apparent consumption 3/ (quantity)	Percent imports to apparent consumption (quantity)
3251811111	Chlorine gas.....	2003	10,361,323	15,360	412,116	10,758,079	3.8
		2002	11,437,676	18,566	409,695	11,828,805	3.5
3251814111	Sodium hydroxide, total liquid (all processes).....	2003	8,795,572	3,090,651	1,127,456	6,832,377	16.5
		2002	9,461,025	2,773,558	1,065,056	7,752,523	13.7
3251817111	Potassium hydroxide, liquid.....	2003	470,984	182,186	19,290	308,088	6.3
		2002	469,817	41,128	24,678	453,367	5.4
3251817131	Finished sodium bicarbonate.....	2003	540,308	61,048	15,724	494,984	3.2
		2002	535,344	62,947	14,288	486,685	2.9
3251884125, 131	Hydrochloric acid.....	2003	4,180,522	61,039	106,794	4,226,277	2.5
		2002	4,027,648	54,761	96,744	4,069,631	2.4
3313110100	Aluminum oxide.....	2003	(D)	1,046,160	2,160,909	(D)	(D)
		2002	(D)	1,217,045	2,859,702	(D)	(D)
3251887121	Aluminum chloride.....	2003	(S)	14,806	883	(S)	(S)
		2002	(S)	13,081	1,300	(S)	(S)
3251887131	Aluminum hydroxide, trihydrate.....	2003	444,979	65,182	231,675	611,472	37.9
		2002	356,998	77,390	231,279	510,887	45.3
3251887151	Aluminum sulfate (commercial).....	2003	961,157	9,213	5,359	957,303	0.6
		2002	1,053,781	6,717	5,211	1,052,275	0.5
3251887171	Aluminates.....	2003	346,996	20,033	17,159	344,122	5.0
		2002	338,072	17,094	17,063	338,041	5.0
325188A111	Potassium iodide.....	2003	306	67	862	1,101	78.3
		2002	296	84	631	843	74.9
325188A124	Potassium phosphate.....	2003	25,201	1,953	15,602	38,850	40.2
		2002	28,423	2,068	16,645	43,000	38.7
325188A141	Sodium chlorate.....	2003	668,706	20,831	561,813	1,209,688	46.4
		2002	721,086	39,828	528,239	1,209,497	43.7
325188A174	Sodium phosphate tripoly.....	2003	(D)	10,900	109,147	(D)	(D)
		2002	(D)	13,546	80,074	(D)	(D)
325188A181	Sodium silicates (other than metasilicates).....	2003	1,074,281	49,082	28,279	1,053,478	2.7
		2002	1,053,996	18,086	35,378	1,071,288	3.3
325188A184, 187	Sodium metasilicates.....	2003	60,577	17,558	480	43,499	1.1
		2002	58,041	24,362	1,213	34,892	3.5
325188A1A7	Sodium sulfite.....	2003	87,967	25,815	17,404	79,556	21.9
		2002	74,336	23,423	11,611	62,524	18.6
325188G141	Calcium carbonate (precipitated).....	2003	1,945,280	70,496	35,684	1,910,468	1.9
		2002	1,970,608	74,419	75,841	1,972,030	3.8
325188G144	Calcium chloride.....	2003	1,054,979	115,237	256,367	1,196,109	21.4
		2002	1,330,247	132,111	197,414	1,395,550	14.1
325998H1E4, 1E7	Carbon activated (granular and pulverized).....	2003	143,382	51,462	56,867	148,787	38.2
		2002	(D)	48,044	52,920	(D)	(D)
325188G181	Hydrogen peroxide.....	2003	(S)	42,130	46,253	(S)	(S)
		2002	(S)	51,356	61,125	(S)	(S)
325188G184	Iodine.....	2003	(D)	1,225	5,744	(D)	(D)
		2002	(D)	1,429	6,187	(D)	(D)
325188G191	Iron oxides and hydroxides.....	2003	(D)	48,781	2,884	(D)	(D)
		2002	(S)	44,423	6,922	(S)	(S)

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[Quantity in metric tons]

Product code	Product description	Year	Production (quantity)	Exports of domestic merchandise 1/	Imports for consumption 2/	Apparent consumption 3/ (quantity)	Percent imports to apparent consumption (quantity)
325188G1A1	Magnesium chloride.....	2003	(D)	8,153	60,406	(D)	(D)
		2002	(D)	4,574	20,127	(D)	(D)
325188G1B1	Manganese dioxide.....	2003	41,437	4,466	49,354	86,325	57.2
		2002	41,545	3,624	36,657	74,578	49.2
325188G1F1, 1F7	Phosphorous, oxychloride and trichloride.....	2003	(D)	347	56	(D)	(D)
		2002	(D)	932	82	(D)	(D)
325188G1K1	Sulfur dioxide.....	2003	74,689	7,937	54,848	121,600	45.1
		2002	81,609	2,435	59,265	138,439	42.8
325188G1M1	Zinc sulfate.....	2003	(D)	2,311	25,803	(D)	(D)
		2002	28,726	2,898	20,136	45,964	43.8
3251311100	Titanium dioxide (composite and pure).....	2003	1,422,425	584,436	240,349	1,078,338	22.3
		2002	1,409,323	539,835	231,176	1,100,664	21.0

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1/Source: Census Bureau report EM 545, U.S. Exports (see Table 4).

2/Source: Census Bureau report IM 145, U.S. Imports for Consumption (see Table 4).

3/Apparent consumption represents new domestic supply and is derived by subtracting exports from the total of manufacturers' production plus imports.

Table 4. Comparison of North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)-Based Product Codes with Schedule B Export Codes, and HTUSA Import Codes: 2003

Product code	Product description	Export code 1/	Import code 2/
3251881111	Chlorine gas.....	2801.10.0000	2801.10.0000
3251814111	Sodium hydroxide, total liquid (all processes).....	2815.11.0000 2815.12.0000	2815.11.0000 2815.12.0000
3251817111	Potassium hydroxide, liquid.....	2815.20.0050 2815.20.0090	2815.20.0050 2815.20.0090
3251817131	Finished sodium bicarbonate.....	2836.30.0000	2836.30.0000
3251884125, 131	Hydrochloric acid.....	2806.10.0000	2806.10.0000
3313110100	Aluminum oxide.....	2818.20.0000	2818.20.0000
3251887121	Aluminum chloride.....	2827.32.0000	2827.32.0000
3251887131	Aluminum hydroxide, trihydrate.....	2818.30.0000	2818.30.0000
3251887151	Aluminum sulfate (commercial).....	2833.22.0000	2833.22.0000
3251887171	Aluminates.....	2841.10.0000	2841.10.0000
325188A111	Potassium iodide.....	2827.60.2000	2827.60.2000
325188A124	Potassium phosphate.....	2835.24.0000	2835.24.0000
325188A141	Sodium chlorate.....	2829.11.0000	2829.11.0000
325188A174	Sodium phosphate tripoly.....	2835.31.0000	2835.31.0000
325188A181	Sodium silicates (other than metasilicates).....	2839.19.0000	2839.19.0000
325188A184, 187	Sodium metasilicates.....	2839.11.0000	2839.11.0000
325188A1A7	Sodium sulfite.....	2832.10.0000	2832.10.0000
325188G141	Calcium carbonate (precipitated).....	2836.50.0000	2836.50.0000
325188G144	Calcium chloride.....	2827.20.0000	2827.20.0000
325998H1E4, 1E7	Carbon activated (granular and pulverized).....	3802.10.0000	3802.10.0000
325188G181	Hydrogen peroxide.....	2847.00.0000	2847.00.0000
325188G184	Iodine.....	2801.20.0000	2801.20.0000
325188G191	Iron oxides and hydroxides.....	2821.10.0050	2821.10.0050
325188G01A1	Magnesium chloride.....	2827.31.0000	2827.31.0000

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Product code	Product description	Export code 1/	Import code 2/
325188G01B1	Manganese dioxide.....	2820.10.0000	2820.10.0000
325188G1F1, 1F7	Phosphorous, oxychloride and trichloride.....	2812.10.5010	2812.10.5010
325188G1K1	Sulfur dioxide.....	2811.23.0000	2811.23.0000
325188G1M1	Zinc sulfate.....	2833.26.0000	2833.26.0000
3251311100	Titanium dioxide (composite and pure).....	2823.00.0000	2823.00.0000
		3206.11.0000	3206.11.0000
		3206.19.0000	3206.19.0000

1/Source: 2003 edition, Harmonized System-based Schedule B, Statistical Classification of Domestic and Foreign Commodities Exported from the United States.

2/Source: Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, Annotated (2003).

Appendix.

General CIR Survey Information, Explanation of General Terms and Historical Note

GENERAL

The CIR program has been providing monthly, quarterly, and annual measures of industrial activity for many years. Since 1904, with its cotton and fats and oils surveys, the CIR program has formed an essential part of an integrated statistical system involving the quinquennial economic census, manufacturing sector, and the annual survey of manufactures. The CIR surveys, however, provide current statistics at a more detailed product level than either of the other two statistical programs.

The primary objective of the CIR program is to produce timely, accurate data on production and shipments of selected products. The data are used to satisfy economic policy needs and for market analysis, forecasting, and decision making in the private sector. The product-level data generated by these surveys are used extensively by individual firms, trade associations, and market analysts in planning or recommending marketing and legislative strategies, particularly if their industry is significantly affected by foreign trade. Although production and shipments information are the two most common data items collected, the CIR program collects other measures also such as inventories, orders, and consumption. These surveys measure manufacturing activity in important commodity areas such as textiles and apparel, chemicals, primary metals, computer and electronic components, industrial equipment, aerospace equipment, and consumer goods.

The CIR program uses a unified data collection, processing, and publication system. The U.S. Census Bureau updates the survey panels for most reports annually and reconciles the estimates to the results of the broader-based annual survey of manufactures and the economic census, manufacturing sector. The manufacturing sector provides a complete list of all producers of the products covered by the CIR program and serves as the primary source for CIR sampling. Where a small number of producers exist, CIR surveys cover all known producers of a product. However, when the number of producers is too large, cutoff and random sampling techniques are used. Surveys are continually reviewed and modified to provide the most up-to-date information on products produced. The CIR program includes a group of mandatory and voluntary surveys. Typically the monthly and quarterly surveys are conducted on a voluntary basis. Those companies that choose not to respond to the voluntary surveys are required to submit a mandatory annual counterpart corresponding to the more frequent survey.

NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM (NAICS), 1997

The adoption of the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) in the 1997 Economic Census has had a major impact on the comparability of current and historic data. Approximately half of the industries in the manufacturing sector of NAICS do not have comparable industries in the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system that was used in the past.

While most of the change affecting the manufacturing sector was change within the sector, some industries left manufacturing and others came into manufacturing. Prominent among those that left manufacturing are logging and portions of publishing. Prominent among the industries that came into the manufacturing sector are bakeries, candy stores where candy is made on the premises, custom tailors, makers of custom draperies, and tire retreading. The net effect of the classification changes are such that if the 1997 value of shipments data for all manufacturers were tabulated on an SIC basis, it would be approximately 3 percent higher.

Listed below are the NAICS sectors:

- 21 Mining
- 22 Utilities
- 23 Construction
- 31-33 Manufacturing
- 42 Wholesale Trade
- 44-45 Retail Trade
- 48-49 Transportation and Warehousing
- 51 Information
- 52 Finance and Insurance
- 53 Real Estate and Rental and Leasing
- 54 Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services
- 55 Management of Companies and Enterprises
- 56 Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services
- 61 Educational Services
- 62 Health Care and Social Assistance
- 71 Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation
- 72 Accommodation and Food Services
- 81 Other Services (except Public Administration)

(Not listed above are the Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting sector (NAICS 11), partially covered by the census of agriculture conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the Public Administration sector (NAICS 92), covered by the census of governments conducted by the Census Bureau.)

The 20 NAICS sectors are subdivided into 96 subsectors (three-digit codes), 313 industry groups (four-digit codes), and, as implemented in the United States, 1170 industries (five- and six-digit codes).

FUNDING

The Census Bureau funds most of the surveys. However, a number of surveys are paid for either fully or partially by other Federal Government agencies or private trade associations. A few surveys are mandated, but all are authorized by Title 13 of the United States Code.

RELIABILITY OF DATA

Survey error may result from several sources including the inability to obtain information about all cases in the survey, response errors, definitional difficulties, differences in the interpretation of questions, mistakes in recording or coding the reported data, and other errors of collection, response, coverage, and estimation. These nonsampling errors also occur in complete censuses. Although no direct measurement of the biases due to these nonsampling errors has been obtained, precautionary steps were taken in all phases of the collection, processing, and tabulation of the data in an effort to minimize their influence.

A major source of bias in the published estimates is the imputing of data for nonrespondents, for late reporters, and for data that fail logic edits. Missing figures are imputed based on period-to-period movements shown by reporting firms. A figure is considered to be an impute if the value was not directly reported on the questionnaire, directly derived from other reported items, directly available from supplemental sources, or obtained from the respondent during the analytical review phase. Imputation generally is limited to a maximum of 10 percent for any one data cell. Figures with imputation rates greater than 10 percent are suppressed or footnoted. The imputation rate is not an explicit indicator of the potential error in published figures due to nonresponse, because the actual yearly movements for nonrespondents may or may not closely agree with the imputed movements. The range of difference between the actual and imputed figures is assumed to be small. The degree of uncertainty regarding the accuracy of the published data increases as the percentage of imputation increases. Figures with imputation rates above 10 percent should be used with caution.

DATA REVISIONS

Statistics for previous years may be revised as the result of corrected figures from respondents, late reports for which imputations were originally made, or other corrections. Data that have been revised by more than 5 percent from previously published data are indicated by footnotes.

DISCLOSURE

The Census Bureau collects the CIR data under the authority of Title 13, United States Code, which specifies that the information can only be used for statistical purposes and cannot be published or released in any manner that would identify a person, household, or establishment. "D" indicates that data in the cell have been suppressed to avoid disclosure of information pertaining to individual companies.

EXPLANATION OF GENERAL TERMS

Capacity. The maximum quantity of a product that can be produced in a plant in 1 day if operating for 24 hours. Includes the capacity of idle plants until the plant is reported to be destroyed, dismantled, or abandoned.

Consumption. Materials used in producing or processing a product or otherwise removing the product from the inventory.

Exports. Includes all types of products shipped to foreign countries, or to agents or exporters for reshipment to foreign countries.

Gross shipments. The quantity or value of physical shipments from domestic establishments of all products sold, transferred to other establishments of the same company, or shipped on consignment, whether for domestic or export sale or use. Shipments of products purchased for resale are omitted. Shipments of products made under toll arrangements are included.

Interplant transfers. Shipments to other domestic plants within a company for further assembly, fabrication, or manufacture.

Inventories. The quantity or value of finished goods, work in progress, and materials on hand.

Machinery in place. The number of machines of a particular type in place as of a particular date whether the machinery was used for production, prototype, or sampling, or was idle. Machinery in place includes all machinery set up in operating positions.

Net receipts. Derived by subtracting the materials held at the end of the previous month from the sum of materials used during the current month.

Production. The total volume of products produced, including: products sold; products transferred or added to inventory after adjustments for breakage, shrinkage, and obsolescence, plus any other inventory adjustment; and products that undergo further manufacture at the same establishment.

Quantities produced and consumed. Quantities of each type of product produced by a company for internal consumption within that same company.

Quantity and value of new orders. The sales value of orders received during the current reporting period for products and services to be delivered immediately or at some future date. Also represents the net sales value of contract change documents that increase or decrease the sales value of the orders to which they are related, when the parties concerned are in substantial agreement as to the amount involved. Included as orders are only those that are supported by binding legal documents such as signed contracts or letter contracts.

Quantity and value of shipments. The figures on quantity and value of shipments represent physical shipments of all products sold, transferred to other establishments of the same company, or shipped on consignment, whether for domestic or export sale. The value represents the net sales price, f.o.b. plant, to the customer or branch to which the products are shipped, net of discounts, allowances, freight charges, and

returns. Shipments to a company's own branches are assigned the same value as comparable appropriate allocation of company overhead and profit. Products bought and resold without further manufacture are excluded.

Stocks. Total quantity of ending finished inventory.

Unfilled orders (backlog). Calculated by adding net new orders and subtracting net sales from the backlog at the end of the preceding year.

HISTORICAL NOTE

Data on inorganic chemicals have been collected by the Census Bureau since 1941. Historical data may be obtained from Current Industrial Reports (called Facts for Industry before 1959) available at your local Federal Depository Library.